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Land gift to schools

* 2534 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the extent of land so far received as gift to schools in the State in pursuance of the Government's appeal?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : 8,660 acres and 46 cents.

Dr. K. B. MENON : Are these gifts earmarked for any special class of schools or for any special purpose?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : It is all for school purposes. The lands will be transferred to the Government by obtaining gift deeds from the donors. The lands so transferred to the Government will be classified as Government poramboke and they will be placed at the disposal of the managements of the schools concerned. The Board's Standing Orders will apply to them. Details are being worked out.

Road culverts.

* 2535 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken to reconstruct the culverts on the road from district limit to Kanhangad *via* Cheruvathur in South Kanara? 12-10 p.m.

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The detailed estimate for reconstruction of culverts on the road, which forms part of the West Coast Road, is under preparation and the work will be taken up for execution after obtaining the technical approval and financial sanction of the Government of India to the estimate.

Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know the number of culverts on this road that require reconstruction?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I have no information as to the number of culverts. The amount provided for reconstruction is Rs. 18,000.

Scholarships to Harijans in Malabar

* 2536 *Q.*—Sri O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount sanctioned for the grant of scholarships to Harijans in Malabar district for the year 1953–54;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation recently from the Malabar District Harijan Sevak Samaj for the enhancement of the amount;

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) Rs. 21,630–3–0.

(*b*) No, Sir.

(*c*) Does not arise.

SRI O. KORAN : In other districts the Government are spending a large amount on acquisition of land and construction of houses for Harijans. In view of this, will the Government be pleased to enhance the amount for grant of scholarships to Harijans in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : We expect a grant from the Government of India. When that grant is received, we shall consider the question of enhancing the amount.

Higher studies of Harijan students

* 2537 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation from Sri A. Ratnam, M.L.A., was received by the Government on 11th January 1955 requesting the Government to start a scheme providing for State aid and grant of loan to Harijan students for higher studies and for studies abroad ;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government ; and

(*c*) what are the facilities, aid and loan extended to the Christian and Muslim organizations which are having similar schemes for the benefit of their students?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter raised therein can be considered only if details of the organization proposed to be started are given and the nature of the help required by Government is indicated.

(*c*) The Government are not financing any organization founded for providing higher education among Muslims and Christians.

National Extension Service in Malabar

* 2538 *Q.*—SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Wynaad taluk in Malabar district has been included in the National Extension Service in the light of G.O No. 1090, dated 30th March 1955, and if so, when ; and

(*b*) the schemes proposed and investigated?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Wynaad taluk has not yet been included under the National Extension Service. It has to wait for its turn. It has since been ordered in G.O. Ms. No. 1331, Public (Planning and Development), dated 21st April 1955, that the village and district plans should be prepared in the